A project proposal for construction of a Hostel at Nagarcoil in Kanyakumari is under consideration. Projects are sanctioned on the basis of the applications received from the eligible Organisations through the State Govt. concerned.

(c) Grants released during 1988-89, 1989-90 and 1990-91 under the Scheme of Construction/Expansion of Hostel Building for Working Women with Day-care Centre to Voluntary Organistations in Tamil Nadu are as under:-

Sl. No.	Year	Amount Released
		Rs.
1.	1988-89	48,51,102
2.	1989-90	45,17,688
3.	1990-91	32,22,215

Kendriya Vidyalayas in Backward Regions

2562. SHRI R. T. GOPALAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to open Kendriya Vidyalayas in backward areas of the country particularly where there is no such school;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor alongwith the steps taken by Government to provide equal opportunity to the students from backward regions?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (c) There is no system of opening Kendriya Vidyalayas on a district wise basis or with reference to the backward areas criteria. The opening of new Kendriya Vidyalayas depends upon the suitability of the proposals from the prescribed user agencies, especially presence of a cluster of employees of the Central Government and/or Central Government undertakings, availability of physical facilities and financial resources. The objective of Kendriya Sangathan is primarly to serve the special educational needs of children of transferable employees of the Central Government and Central Government undertakings.

Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage, New Delhi

2563. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the criticism against the management of Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage New Delhi;

(b) whether Government are also aware of the reckless expenditure incurred and the favouritism shown, in the matter of appointments in the centre;

(c) if so, whether Government have enquired into these matters; and

(d) the action being taken to remove irregularities from the centre?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b) Some reports of criticism and observations against the management of the Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage, New Delhi appeared in the Press. The Trust a registered non-government voluntary organisation, has denied the allegations of reckless expenditure and favouritism in the matters of appointments in the Centre.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

New Delhi session of Indian History Congress

2564. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the session of Indian History Congress was held in New Delhi during the last month;

(b) if so, the total expenditure incurred thereon by Government;

(c) the purpose and utility of this session;

(d) whether Government's attention has been invited in this connection to the news item captioned "District marks end of History Congress" which appeared in the Statesman, New Delhi dated 24th February, 1992; and

(e) if so, the reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (c) According to the information furnished by Indian History Congress, the Congress held its 52nd session in Delhi from 21-23rd February, 1992. Government had sanctioned a grant of Rs. 3 lakhs to enable Indian History Congress to hold this Conference. In addition, Indian Council of Historical Research has sanctioned a grant of Rs. 30,000 for holding the Conference and University Grants Commision has also agreed, in principle to provide a grant of Rs. 10,000.

(d) and (e) Government is aware of newspaper reports on the proceedings of the Congress. However, Indian History Congress is a voluntary organisation of historians which manage their own affairs.

Reservation for backward or hill areas students

2565. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state the details and names of the States where seats are reserved for the students from backward or hill areas for technical, vocational and higher education?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): Presently, no seats have been reserved for the students from backward or hill areas for technical, vocational and higher education by this Ministry.

Central schools and Navodaya Vidyalayas in Arunachal Pradesh

2566. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of Central Schools and Navodaya Vidyalayas in Arunachal Pradesh;

(b) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to open such new Vidyalayas in the State; and

(c) the number of schools being run by private organizations in the State?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) Seven Kendriya Vidyalayas and five Navodaya Vidyalayas have been sanctioned so far in the state of Arunachal Pradesh.

(b) It is proposed to open two Navodaya Vidyalayas in Arunachal Pradesh during 1992-93 depending upon the suitability of the proposals received from the State Government, availability of physical facilities and financial resources. There is no mature proposal, at present, for opening Kendriya Vidyalayas in Arunachal Pradesh.

(c) No such data is maintained by the Ministry of Human Resource Development.